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### Pamphlet - Harlan Harris Ministry

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# HERALDING THE GOSPEL

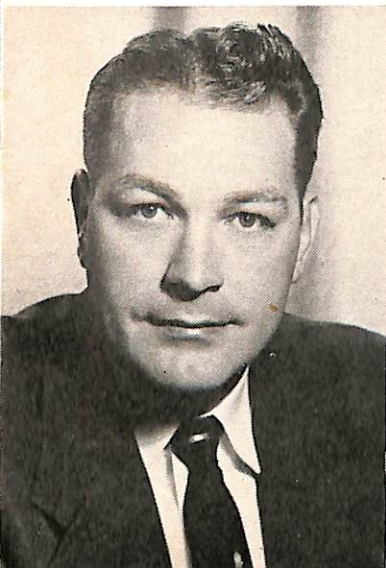
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HARLAN HARRIS, *Evangelist*

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## 12 Years An Evangelistic Pastor . . .

Temple Baptist Church (Assistant Pastor) Washington, D. C.

First Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C. — 6 Years

First Baptist Church, Plainview, Texas — 5 Years

123 Revivals in Southern Baptist Churches  
across the Convention Territory.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Shelby, N. C.

Churches  
Served

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North  
Carolina  
and  
Texas



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Plainview, Texas

and

Dear Pastor:

For the past twelve years I have served as a pastor in two wonderful churches. During these years God has richly blessed in every undertaking. At the same time the Lord has opened my eyes to the need for evangelism in the local church. Several years ago, God indicated to me through His Word and circumstances that I should prepare myself for full-time evangelism. I knew that I needed more experience in the pastorate before I could do the most effective work in Church-evangelism. I have gained this experience and now feel qualified to go into any of our churches, large or small. I am familiar with the program, I understand the pastor's problems, I am aware of the everyday tasks and responsibilities, and I feel that I can lead the people into a deeper love for Christ, His church, the pastor, and our denomination. Many have indicated to me that after a special week has ended, the revival kept right on Sunday after Sunday. This is the type of ministry to which I feel called. If God lays my ministry upon your heart after you have prayed, write and we can work together toward a future meeting.

In His Service,

HARLAN HARRIS



WIFE AND FAMILY



# ACROSS OUR CONVENTION . . .

## FROM NORTH CAROLINA—

### **C. C. WARREN: (Former pastor F. B. C., Charlotte, Past Pres. of S. B. C., Head of "30,000 Movement of S. B. C.)**

Having learned that Rev. Harlan Harris has relinquished his pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Plainview, Texas, to give his full time to evangelism, I count it a privilege to write these words concerning him and his decision.

While Brother Harris was pastor of the First Baptist Church at Shelby, North Carolina, a short distance from my pastorate in Charlotte, I came to know him rather intimately and enjoyed a blessed fellowship in service with him as a neighbor pastor and in our North Carolina Baptist work.

Paul, in writing to the Corinthians, speaks of the diversity of gifts possessed by members of the church. Again he admonishes Timothy, "Do the work of an evangelist." I believe Brother Harris feels that the Lord definitely wants him in the field of evangelism. It is a field in which he is eminently qualified to serve. He is doctrinally sound; denominationally loyal; he loves the Lord and lost souls; he is willing to be spent that people may come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

I believe Brother Harris is going to be used of the Lord in his new field of endeavor, and that any pastor or church securing his services will be immeasurably blessed.

### **ZENO WALL: (For 20 years pastor of F. B. C., Shelby, N. C., Supt. of Baptist Orphanage).**

"The field of evangelism is so white . . . the calls for men who have dynamic personalities, and can preach the gospel with both passion and powers are numerous. Harlan Harris has these qualifications . . . his messages are Christ honoring and church centered . . . he relies upon the leadership and power of the Holy Spirit.

"Like Billy Graham, Harlan has come to the kingdom for such a time as this, and all true servants of the Lord will rejoice in his entering upon the field of evangelism. He has a big body, a big brain, a big heart, and has done outstanding work in two great churches. He has the heart of a pastor and, all along, has had the heart of an evangelist."

### **HORACE EASOM: (Former State Sec'y of Baptist Brotherhood of N. C., Banker).**

"In my opinion there is no one in all the world who could do a finer job holding evangelistic and revival services in our Baptist churches than Harlan Harris. He has vision, compassion, conviction and enthusiasm . . . all of which are based upon a great faith, love for the lost souls, and a supreme desire to do the Master's will."

## FROM TEXAS—

### **C. B. JACKSON: (Dept. of Evangelism, Baptist General Convention of Texas).**

"It has been my privilege to know Dr. Harlan Harris for many months and to be associated with him on various speaking tours. I can vouch for his warm Christian heart, his love of lost people and his devotion to the Lord. Any church which is fortunate enough to secure his services will be blessed."

### **FRANK WEEDON: (Dept. of Evangelism, Baptist General Convention of Texas).**

Dr. Harlan Harris is one of the most delightful personalities and refreshing speakers it has been my joy to hear. He is sound in his doctrine, convincing in his arguments, clear in his illustrations and constructive in his teaching ministry. Any church or community that may have the privilege of his service among them will be very fortunate. He will entertain any audience, and while doing so will give them constructive preaching as will build a good church and inspire individuals. He has done a marvelous work and is greatly loved by his people. May the blessings of Heaven ever attend the ministry of this talented, trained, forceful preacher of God's Word."

### **DOUGLAS CARVER: (Pastor F. B. C., Pampa, Texas).**

We will ever be grateful to God that He permitted you to be with us in one of the most effective and far-reaching revivals our church has experienced. Even though it rained during the entire week, we had the best attendance we had up to that time in a revival. I shall never forget the Thursday evening service when something near 100 young people came forward, many accepting Christ and others rededicating their lives in Christian service. The revival touched and moved the lives of the young people in senior high school and in both junior high schools of our city. The marvelous way you interpreted the scriptures, the clarity with which you presented the plan of salvation, was a blessing to everyone who heard you.

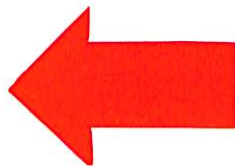
## FROM THE WEST—

### **R. E. MILAM: (Exec. Sec'y, Oregon-Washington Baptist Convention).**

Word has come to me that my friend Harlan Harris, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Plainview, Texas, and one of the most dynamic young preachers in the Southern Baptist ministry, is planning to give himself to a ministry of church-centered evangelism.

For what it may be worth I simply want to say that I consider Harlan Harris, the man and his message, as tops. He has a voice which is equal to George Truett, a pulpit personality as striking as that of Billy Graham and a gospel message that rings true. As an evangelist, people will feel the beat of his pastor heart, the fervor of a soul which burns for lost men, and a magnetic leadership ability which enables him to reach men for God.

Read What  
Other  
Preachers  
and  
Denominational  
Workers  
Say  
About The  
Ministry  
of  
**HARLAN  
HARRIS**



## ON CALL FOR:

- ★ Church Revivals
- ★ City Wide Revivals
- ★ Youth Revivals
- ★ January Bible Studies
- ★ Conferences and Assemblies

### SOME FACTS:

Born in the Northwest. (Salem, Oregon, 1920).

Married and the father of four children.

Active in athletics throughout high school and college.  
Football, wrestling, track.

Class mate of Billy Graham.

Graduate of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1946.

Received D.D. degree from Wayland Baptist College in 1956.

First pastorate was in Shelby, N. C. (First Baptist Church).

Served N. C. Board five years. President N. C. Pastor's Conference in 1953.

Honored as "Man of the Year" in Cleveland County, N. C.

Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for "loyal faithful, and unselfish efforts and for the contribution he made to his community, state and nation." (Presented by Junior Chamber of Commerce).

Trustee of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Texas.

Traveled extensively in Europe, Africa, Holy Land, and Mexico.

### BILLY GRAHAM (FORMER CLASSMATE) SAYS:

"Rev. Harlan Harris and I have been friends for many years, and I believe him to be a man of deep consecration and tremendous zeal for the Kingdom of God. I can highly recommend his evangelistic ministry as being Christ-honoring and church-centered. I am convinced that his preaching ministry will bless the hearts of those who come to hear him."

Harlan Harris, Evangelist  
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